

Rear Admiral Mary M. Jackson Commander, Navy Region Southeast

Rear Admiral Mary Jackson hails from Wimberley, Texas. She graduated from St. Stephen's Episcopal School in Austin, Texas, and entered the United States Naval Academy in July 1984. She graduated with the Class of 1988 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics with an emphasis in Oceanography. Jackson earned a graduate degree from George Washington University in Engineering Management and is qualified as a joint specialty officer.

At sea, Jackson has served on ships in both the Atlantic and Pacific fleets with deployed operations in the Atlantic, Caribbean, Arabian Gulf, Indian Ocean, Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea and Western Pacific areas of operation. Her sea assignments include assistant operations officer and navigator on USS Willamette (AO 180); operations officer on USS Briscoe (DD 977); operations officer on USS Vella Gulf (CG 72); and executive officer of USS Stout (DDG 55). Jackson commanded USS McFaul (DDG 74) serving as the Flagship for CTF 158 and CDS 50 in the Arabian Gulf and North Arabian Sea /Gulf of Oman.

Her assignments ashore include seamanship and navigation instructor at the U.S. Naval Academy; theater air and missile defense officer (J85) at US Joint Forces Command, flag secretary to commander, Naval Surface Forces, Atlantic Fleet; and head, surface junior officer assignments (PERS 412) at Navy Personnel Command in Millington, Tennessee. Jackson served as executive officer at Naval Station Norfolk and subsequently commanded Naval Station Norfolk. Most recently, she served as chief of staff to commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic. Rear Admiral Jackson assumed command of Navy Region Southeast on July 18, 2014.

Her personal decorations include the Legion of Merit (two awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (four awards) and various unit citations and campaign medals.

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